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ARREST MADE IN JANUARY 2008 DEATH OF DANE WILLIAMS

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested a suspect in the January 2008 disappearance and death of 23-year-old Dane Williams.

On the weekend of January 25, 2008, Williams came to San Diego (as an employee of Hurley International) for the Action Sports Retailers Convention. In the early morning hours of January 26, 2008, Dane left a bar in the Gaslamp neighborhood and was never seen again. On January 29, 2008, his body was found in the north alley of 5200 Landis Street. Homicide Team II investigated Williams' disappearance and death, including collecting DNA evidence that was entered into the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) database.

On August 19, 2009, detectives were informed of a DNA match to the sample SDPD Crime Lab personnel entered into CODIS. The match was related to an unsolved sex crime committed in San Diego on June 6, 2009 involving an unidentified suspect.

The Homicide Unit investigated the unsolved sex crime and identified Philong Huynh, 39, as the suspect. Detectives also determined that Huynh lived in the 5300 block of Wightman Street, approximately 800 feet from the spot where Williams' body was found. Detectives arrested Huynh on Thursday, September 10, at 5:05 p.m., as he drove in the 4300 block of Orange Avenue, and served search warrants on two residences associated with Huynh.

Huynh will be charged with murder and two counts of sexual assault, and he will be arraigned this afternoon. Huynh's photo is presented below in the hope that additional victims (who have not reported a crime) or citizens with information about him will contact the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293.



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